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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W. Room 704
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RECORDATION NO.

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Re: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
Leveraged Lease Financing
BNSF 1999-I

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am enclosing for recording pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code, two original copies of each of the two primary documents described below and the two secondary documents described below. As one of the attorneys representing the Lessee in this transaction, I have knowledge of the matters described in this letter.

The primary documents are as follows:

- (1) Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 1999-I), dated as of September 29, 1999, between Wilmington Trust Company, as lessor (the "Lessor"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as lessee (the "Lessee"); and
- (2) Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 1999-I), dated as of September 29, 1999, between Wilmington Trust Company, as owner trustee (the "Owner Trustee"), and Allfirst Bank, as indenture trustee (the "Indenture Trustee").

The secondary documents are as follows:

- (1) Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1999-I), dated as of September 29, 1999, between the Lessee and the Lessor; and
- (2) Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1999-I), dated as of September 29, 1999, between the Owner Trustee and the Indenture Trustee.

The primary documents to which Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1999-I) and Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1999-I) are connected are the Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 1999-I) and the Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 1999-I), respectively, referred to above, which are being submitted for recording concurrently therewith.

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The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed documents are as follows:

MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT

Lessee: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
2500 Lou Menk Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2828

Lessor: Wilmington Trust Company
Rodney Square North
1100 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001
Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

Owner Trustee: Wilmington Trust Company
Rodney Square North
1100 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001
Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

Indenture Trustee: Allfirst Bank
25 South Charles Street MC 101-591
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

Lessee: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
2500 Lou Menk Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2828

Lessor: Wilmington Trust Company
Rodney Square North
1100 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001

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MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

Owner Trustee: Wilmington Trust Company
 Rodney Square North
 1100 North Market Street
 Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001
 Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

Indenture Trustee: Allfirst Bank
 25 South Charles Street MC 101-591
 Baltimore, Maryland 21201

The description of the equipment covered as of the date hereof by the aforesaid Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement, Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement, Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 and Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 is as set forth on Exhibit A hereto.

A fee of one hundred four dollars (\$104.00) is enclosed. Please time and date stamp the enclosed copy of each of the enclosed documents along with the extra copy of this letter as proof of filing and recordation of the enclosed documents and return the original and any extra copies of such documents and this letter not needed by the Board for recordation to:

Karl T. Williams, Esq.
Chapman and Cutler
111 West Monroe
Chicago, Illinois 60603

A short summary of each of the documents to appear in the index follows:

(1) MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 1999-I) between Wilmington Trust Company, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, as Lessor, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee, 2500 Lou Menk Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2828, dated as of September 29, 1999, covering the railroad equipment bearing the reporting marks listed in the exhibit attached thereto.

(2) MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 1999-I) between Wilmington Trust Company, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 and Allfirst Bank, as Indenture Trustee, 25 South Charles Street

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MC 101-591, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, dated as of September 29, 1999, covering the obligations of the Owner Trustee and the Lessee relating to railroad equipment bearing the reporting marks listed in the exhibit attached thereto.

(3) MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1:

Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1999-I) between Wilmington Trust Company, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, as Lessor, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee, 2500 Lou Menk Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2828, dated as of September 29, 1999, covering railroad equipment bearing the reporting marks listed in the exhibit attached thereto. Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 is related to the Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement between the Lessor and the Lessee dated as of September 29, 1999, which is filed concurrently herewith.

(4) MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1:

Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1999-I) between Wilmington Trust Company, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 and Allfirst Bank, as Indenture Trustee, 25 South Charles Street MC 101-591, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, dated as of September 29, 1999, covering the obligations of the Owner Trustee and the Lessee relating to railroad equipment bearing reporting marks listed in the exhibit attached thereto. The Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 is related to the Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement between the Owner Trustee and the Indenture Trustee, dated as of September 29, 1999, which is filed concurrently herewith.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned (312-845-3892).

Sincerely,

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER

By Karl T. Williams
Karl T. Williams

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Enclosures

EXHIBIT A

UNITS

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	REPORTING MARKS
3-Unit Articulated Double Stack Cars ("Type A")	290	BNSF 211000 through BNSF 211035, inclusive; BNSF 211037 through BNSF 211070, inclusive; BNSF 211072 through BNSF 211082, inclusive; BNSF 211084 through BNSF 211090, inclusive; BNSF 211092 through BNSF 211177, inclusive; BNSF 211179 through BNSF 211294, inclusive;
Tri-Level Autoracks ("Type B")	455	BNSF 32600 through BNSF 33054, inclusive;

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MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1
(BNSF 1999-I)

Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1, made and entered into as of September 29, 1999, by and between Wilmington Trust Company, a Delaware banking corporation, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, as Lessor ("*Lessor*"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, a Delaware corporation, as Lessee ("*Lessee*").

W I T N E S S E T H :


1. The undersigned have entered into that certain Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 1999-I), dated as of September 1, 1999 (the "*Lease Agreement*"), effective as of the date first set forth hereinabove and subject to the term defined in said Lease Agreement.

2. A memorandum of said Lease Agreement is being recorded with the Surface Transportation Board concurrently herewith pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code.

3. The undersigned have entered into that certain Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1999-I), dated September 29, 1999, whereby the terms and provisions of the above-described Lease Agreement are made applicable to certain railroad equipment bearing reporting marks as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, not in its
individual capacity, but solely as Owner
Trustee

By 
Name: **Virginia N. Karablacas**
Title: **Assistant Vice President**

Executed on this 23 day of September, 1999.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY

By _____
Name: L. Steven Vollmer
Title: General Director-Finance

Executed on this ____ day of September, 1999.

**MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1
(BNSF 1999-I)**

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Trustee

By _____
Name:
Title:

Executed on this ____ day of September, 1999.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY

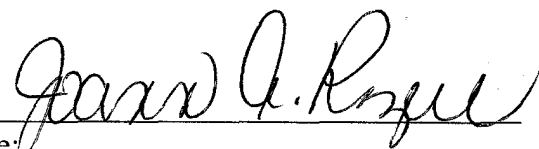
By  _____
Name: L. Steven Vollmer
Title: General Director-Finance

Executed on this 24 day of September, 1999.

STATE OF Delaware)
)
COUNTY OF New Castle) SS.:

On this, the 23 day of September, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Virginia N. Karablacas, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the Assistant Vice President of WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on September 23, 1999 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.


Name: JOANN A. ROZELL
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: NOTARY PUBLIC-DELAWARE
Residing in My Commission Expires July 24, 2002

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF COOK) SS.:

On this, the ____ day of September, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared L. Steven Vollmer, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the General Director-Finance of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on September __, 1999 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF _____)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF _____)

On this, the _____ day of September, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the _____ of WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on September __, 1999 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

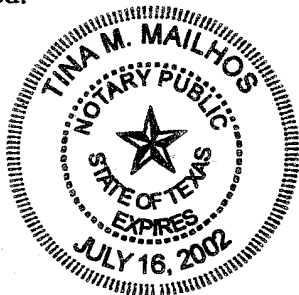
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF TEXAS)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF TARRANT)

On this, the 24 day of September, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared L. Steven Vollmer, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the General Director-Finance of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on September 24, 1999 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.



Tina M. Mailhos
Name: Tina M. Mailhos
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 7-16-02
Residing in Fort Worth, TX

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